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Honorable Kevin Martin  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room #8B-201  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Free National Wireless Broadband Data Service

Dear Chairman Martin:

I write to request your leadership in ensuring that my constituents in the 10<sup>th</sup> District of New York and all Americans have an opportunity to access a free national wireless broadband data service. The 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York encompasses the neighborhoods of East New York, Canarsie, Brownsville, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Cypress Hills, Clinton Hill, Mill Basin, Midwood, downtown Brooklyn, Boreum Hill, and parts of Fort Greene and Williamsburg. My district is 60 percent African-American, the highest of any New York district, and 17 percent Hispanic.

During my thirteen terms in Congress, I have provided support to issues that give my diverse constituents the best opportunity to thrive — from education, to healthcare to financial services and the environment. A particular focus of mine has been the area of telecommunications, where I have fought to ensure technological innovations are developed and shared by all communities. That is why I created the Telecommunications Development Fund to provide capital for small and minority telecommunications businesses and that is why I support the efforts of Mr. John Muleta, the CEO of M2Z Networks. Mr. Muleta represents the best of the entrepreneurial spirit that resides in the African American community. He and his partners' idea to build a nationwide free, wireless broadband data service, rests not only on his sense of sound public policy, but also on his knowledge that broadband access to the Internet is an important driver for economic development, health care delivery and educational opportunity. Together, we understand that without full and fair access to broadband deployment, minority communities are being left behind in their ability to compete.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your commitment to ensuring a national broadband strategy, but we must do more. The time is right for us to work together and support innovative ideas like M2Z Networks. President Bush called for a national strategy on broadband in 2004 and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in our New Direction for America agenda,

has laid out an ambitious plan to ensure nationwide broadband deployment in five years. Establishing a national wireless broadband network without any recurring fees compliments the goals of the Administration and Congress.

Transforming innovation into opportunity requires access to technology. M2Z Networks seeks to give America that opportunity. I request that you expedite the grant of M2Z Networks, Inc.'s pending application for a national spectrum license.

Sincerely,



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